

Jury to be Judges  
of Law and Fact  
in Criminal  
cases  
12 Md. 236

Legislature to re-  
gulate Elections  
1852, ch. 183.  
1853, ch. 134

Vested Rights,  
to remain  
1 Md. 368.

Governor and  
other officers to  
continue in Of-  
fice.

1 Md. 140  
do 368.  
2 Md. 341.

Sheriffs to give  
notice of the  
Elections.

This Constitution  
to go into effect on  
4th July.

SEC. 5. In the trial of all criminal cases the jury shall be the judges of law as well as fact.

SEC. 6. The Legislature shall have power to regulate by law all matters which relate to the judges, time, place and manner of holding elections in this State, and of making returns thereof, provided that the tenure and term of office, and the day of election shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 7. All rights vested, and all liabilities incurred shall remain as if this Constitution had not been adopted.

SEC. 8. The Governor and all officers, civil and military, now holding commissions under this State, shall continue to hold and exercise their offices, according to their present tenure, until they shall be superseded, pursuant to the provisions of this Constitution, and until their successors be duly qualified.

SEC. 9. The sheriffs of the several counties of this State, and of the city of Baltimore, shall give notice of the several elections authorized by this Constitution, in the manner prescribed by existing laws for elections under the present Constitution.

SEC. 10. This Constitution, if adopted by a majority of the legal votes cast on the first Wednesday of June next, shall go into operation on the fourth day of July next, and on and after said day shall supersede the present Constitution of this State.

## ARTICLE XI.

### AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The sense of the  
people to be taken  
every ten years in  
regard to calling  
a Convention for  
altering the Con-  
stitution

1358, ch. 255.

The Proportion  
of Delegates to  
such Convention

It shall be the duty of the Legislature, at its first session immediately succeeding the returns of every census of the United States, hereafter taken, to pass a law for ascertaining, at the next general election of Delegates, the sense of the people of Maryland in regard to the calling a Convention for altering the Constitution; and in case the majority of votes cast at said election shall be in favor of calling a Convention, the Legislature shall provide for assembling such Convention, and electing Delegates thereto at the earliest convenient day; and the Delegates to the said Convention shall be elected by the several counties of the State and the city of Baltimore, in proportion to their representation respectively in the Senate and House of Delegates, at the time when said Convention may be called.